

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A surface acoustic wave device comprising:
a substrate;
a plurality of terminals disposed on the substrate and including at least an unbalanced terminal and two balanced terminals;
at least ~~one~~two surface acoustic wave elements disposed on the substrate between the unbalanced terminal and the balanced terminals; and
a plurality of signal lines connected to the at least ~~one~~two surface acoustic wave elements; wherein
at least two of the plurality of signal lines connected to the at least ~~one~~two surface acoustic wave elements intersect one another with an insulating film disposed therebetween;
one of the at least two surface acoustic wave elements defines a first element that is connected to the unbalanced terminal and to a ground pad;
another of the at least two surface acoustic wave elements defines a second element;
at least two of the plurality of signal lines define signal wirings arranged to connect the second element to the first element;
at least one of the plurality of signal lines defines a ground wiring arranged to connect the first element to the ground pad;
at least one of the signal wirings and the ground wiring intersect with the insulating film disposed therebetween;

the ground pad is disposed outside of an area enclosed by the first element, the second element and the signal wirings; and

the ground wiring includes a first layer which is not disposed in the vicinity of the insulating film and a second layer which is disposed in the vicinity of the insulating film.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating film is polyimide.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in ~~claim-14~~12, wherein

the first element includes three IDTs disposed in a propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave, and the unbalanced terminal and the ground pad are connected to a middle IDT of the three IDTs;

the second element includes three IDTs arranged in the propagation direction of the surface acoustic wave, and the two balanced terminals are connected to a middle IDT of the three IDTs; and

the IDTs on either side of the middle IDT of the first element and the IDTs on either side of the middle IDT of the second element are connected by the signal wirings.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in ~~claim-14~~12, wherein

two sets of the first element, the signal wirings, and the second element are provided on the substrate;

the first element of each set includes three IDTs disposed in a propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave, and the unbalanced terminal and the ground pad are connected to a middle IDT of the three IDTs;

the second element of each set includes one IDT connected to one of the balanced terminals that is different from that in the other set;

in each set, the two signal wirings connect the IDTs on either side of the middle IDT of the first element and the IDT of the second element; and

the first elements of the two sets are opposite in phase with respect to each other.

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 12, wherein

the ~~at least one surface acoustic wave element includes~~ at least two surface acoustic wave elements are connected to each other;

~~one of the at least two surface acoustic wave elements defines a~~ the first surface acoustic wave element ~~which~~ is a longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave element having three IDTs disposed along a propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave, and the middle IDT of the three IDTs is connected to the two balanced signal terminals through ~~the~~ first and second signal lines of the plurality of signal lines;

the two balanced signal terminals are disposed on either side of a central axis of the substrate substantially in parallel to the direction in which the at least two surface acoustic wave elements are arranged; and

at least one of the first and second signal lines is disposed on the insulating film.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the two balanced signal terminals are disposed so as to be substantially symmetrical about the central axis of the substrate.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed

in claim 18, wherein the second surface acoustic wave element is disposed in the propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave and is a longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter element having three IDTs cascade-connected to the first surface acoustic wave element.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second ~~surface acoustic wave~~ element includes one surface acoustic wave resonator element.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second ~~surface acoustic wave~~ element includes a plurality of surface acoustic wave resonator elements connected together.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 12, wherein

one of the at least ~~one~~ two surface acoustic wave element is a longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter element including three IDTs disposed along a propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave, and a middle IDT of the three IDTs is connected to the two balanced terminals through ~~the~~ first and second signal lines of the plurality of signal lines;

the balanced signal terminals are disposed on both sides of a central axis of the substrate substantially perpendicular to the propagation direction of a surface acoustic wave; and

at least one of the first and second signal lines is disposed on the insulating film.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the substrate is a LiTaO₃ single crystal piezoelectric substrate.

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Claim 25 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the substrate is a LiTaO_3 $40 \pm 5^\circ$ Y-cut X-propagation substrate.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim ~~17~~ 12, wherein the first and second layers of the ground wiring are made of Al.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 26, wherein an adhesive layer is disposed between the first and second layers of the ground wiring.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The surface acoustic wave device as claimed in claim 27, wherein the adhesive layer is made of one of Ti and NiCr.